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August 5, 2008

IN REPLY PLEASE
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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Dean D. Efstathiou
Acting Director of Public Works

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CONSULTATION WITH WATER AGENCIES SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY-INTERIM REPORT BOARD MOTION OF JULY 1, 2008, AGENDA ITEM 69

On July 1, 2008, your Board instructed Public Works and Regional Planning to consult with the various water agencies that provide water service to County unincorporated areas and report back in 30 days on how the drought may impact the land development review process for both discretionary and ministerial applications. Your Board also wanted to know what to expect regarding future actions by water agencies on pending development projects in the unincorporated area.

Public Works and Regional Planning have collaborated on the necessary research and activities to respond to your request. On July 16, 2008, the attached letter and questionnaire was sent to 46 retail water agencies initially identified as serving County unincorporated areas.

Over the next two weeks, we will conduct additional research to identify any additional water agencies, send out additional questionnaires if necessary, follow up with phone calls to the water agencies to improve the response rate on the questionnaires, and submit a final report to your Board on September 2, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may call Fred Rubin, Acting Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4018.

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Attach.

cc: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
Executive Office
Regional Planning (Bruce McClendon, Paul McCarthy)



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



Bruce W. McClendon FAICP
Director of Planning

July 16, 2008

GOVERNOR'S STATEWIDE DROUGHT PROCLAMATION

On June 4, 2008, Governor Schwarzenegger proclaimed the first Statewide drought in 16 years because water supplies in California have been significantly depleted due to dry weather conditions. Demands and pressure on our imported water supply continue to mount. Recent court decisions have affected water exports from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta because of operational impacts on certain fish populations.

As a result of this proclamation, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors have requested that we consult with the various water agencies that provide water service to the County unincorporated areas and report back on how the drought may impact the land development review process for both discretionary (subdivisions, conditional use permits, zone changes) and ministerial (building permits) applications. In order to be responsive to our Board, we would like to know what we can expect from your agency in regards to requests for water service for new development planned within your service area.

Please answer the enclosed one page questionnaire and respond by fax, e-mail, or postal service by **August 1, 2008**, to :

Mr. Paul McCarthy
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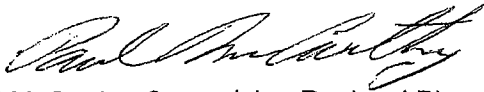
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact myself at (213) 974-6461 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Our offices are closed on Fridays.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

Bruce W. McClendon, FAICP

Director of Planning

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul McCarthy", written in a cursive style.

Paul McCarthy, Supervising Regional Planner
Impact Analysis

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DROUGHT IMPACT QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you plan to continue issuing Will Serve letters for pending discretionary development projects (subdivisions, conditional use permits)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments: _____

2. Do you plan to continue issuing new water service connections to ministerial development projects (building permits on existing legal lots)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments: _____

3. Do you expect to impose new fees for new water supplies or improved water supply reliability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments: _____

4. Do you plan to revise your previously approved water supply assessments, environmental documents, and/or urban water management plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments: _____

5. Do you plan to impose requirements for new developments to utilize recycled water and/or implement additional water conservation measures? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments: _____

